



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Happy Valentines Day! We hope you are all having being safe and taking care of yourselves and your families! Please remember to get rest and enjoy time Sharpening your Saw with your family and friends! Try Sharpening your Saw in one of the dimensions that you do not normally do so...Body, Mind, Heart or Soul!

SIGNATURE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Our 6th grade students participated in mock Congressional Hearings to determine the National Candy Bar of the United States. Students researched a candy bar and presented with their group why their candy bar should be chosen over others. Our students did an amazing job arguing for their groups candy bar! The judges even got samples! Up next for 6th grade is to select their own issue that they want to argue for a change in policy or law!

GRADE LEVEL HIGHLIGHTS

**7th Grade**  
Students are currently working on Ratio and Proportional Relationships (Standard 7.RP.A.1). Compute unit rates associated with ratios of fractions, including ratios of lengths, areas and other quantities measured in like or different units. Also, standard 7.RP.A.2.A Decide whether two quantities are in a proportional relationship, e.g., by testing for equivalent ratios in a table or graphing on a coordinate plane and observing whether the graph is a straight line through the origin.

TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

Another technology tool that supports our students in math is Dream Box. Dream Box is a series of math games that adapts to your student as they make mistakes and learn. Mistakes are ok! Mistakes help your brain grow, so don't be afraid of them! Our goal is for every student to complete 5 Dream Box lessons per week. You can support your student by watching them play the games and discussing what you see! Go forth and have fun playing!

STUDENT AGENCY

A big part of student agency is Synergizing (working together) between the classroom and home. Students and families can support the our teachers by having students complete their homework, checking grades on Parent Vue and communicating with the teacher on Remind. Students can also read nightly (Smarty Ants, Achieve, or a book of your choice). If your student reads 20 minutes per day they will read over 1.8 million words during the year! The more you read, the smarter you get!

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Habit 3 is Put First Things First. One of the most impactful highly effective practices for Habit 3 is to plan your week before the week begins. First, pick a day and time to plan your week. I usually plan on Sunday evenings for the work week. Next, schedule your Big Rocks (your most important tasks in your most important roles) first. For my role as a Dad, I put my son's football practice on my calendar. I also schedule family meals and homework help. Then schedule the rest of your tasks!

SAFETY

We have been having some challenges with vandalism in the restrooms. Please talk to your students about being Responsible in the restroom by cleaning up our area and disposing of trash properly. We have had some issues with graffiti in the restrooms. Please emphasize to your students to keep our restrooms clean and safe. Students should not need to bring sharpies or paint pens to school. Remind them that in the restroom, they flush, wash, dry and goodbye!

PBIS

This month our Golden Glow Blitz will be around Being Responsible by Following Directions the First Time. We will be working with our students on how to respectfully receive redirection by: 1. Looking at the person 2. Saying Ok 3. Staying Calm. We also are working on students following the directions of all staff members on campus, not just their teacher. Our students can show Responsibility by accepting redirection and following directions from all staff members.

PBL HIGHLIGHT

Mr. Howe and Mr. Tafolla's classes are Synergizing to improve their math skills. Mr. Tafolla's 2nd grade class will be teaming up with Mr. Howe's kindergarten class each week to play math games as part of our Mustang Mentors and Minis program!

UPCOMING DATES

- 2/1/23- LEED Job Fair- 4pm
- 2/3/23- Fire Drill- 1:30pm
- 2/6-2/10- Monthly Grade Level Assemblies- Cafeteria
- 2/14/23- Governing Board Meeting- 6pm
- 2/17 & 2/20- Presidents Day Holiday NO SCHOOL
- 2/22/23- Casual Dress Down Day
- 2/23/23- Spring Picture Day- Library and Cafeteria

